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FIGHTING WHITE-PINE BLISTER RUST

After Further Investigation Department Agriculture Recommends Immediate Destruction of all Infected Lots.

Further investigation by specialists of the United States department of agriculture into the white-pine blister rust has convinced the department that if this disease becomes generally distributed in our forests it will be the worst enemy that the white-pine has to encounter. Drastic action is therefore urged again by the authorities in order to eradicate the disease before it becomes as firmly planted here as it is already in Europe. Owners of infected areas are strongly advised to destroy their diseased trees without delay. There is no chance that the tree can recover, and it is merely a menace to its neighbor.

In the professional paper published as bulletin No. 116 by the United States department of agriculture entitled "New Facts Concerning the White-Pine Blister Rust" the latest information available regarding this disease is set forth.

To indicate the seriousness of the disease it is stated that about 10 years ago infected trees were found in the pines planted for ornamental purposes in a large private estate in Vermont. About 50 of the 150 trees on this estate of \$5 1/3 per cent, are now visibly affected by this disease. Probably 5 or 10 per cent more will develop it, for it takes a long time for the maximum of damage to be done.

In studying this menace the department of agriculture has had something like 200 lots of white-pine carefully inspected. Results of this inspection show conclusively that a single tree with fruiting bodies of the fungus and in proximity to a current bush which acts as a carrier for the disease may start an epidemic which may continue for years and may spread over an area of several square miles. Moreover it was found that the inspection and removal of trees actually found to be infected was quite inefficient to prevent the spread of the plague. Despite the present loss that it would cause, therefore, the department feels that the only safe method is the total destruction of infected lots.

The white-pine blister rust is a native of Europe, and was first discovered in this country in 1909. It has not as yet attacked any of our forests, and if owners of white-pine which have not been grown from seeds would make a conscientious search for evidence of the disease, it is hoped that it can yet be kept under control. Ordinarily the rust makes its presence known through yellow blisters which break out through the bark on the main stem near the ground. After a few days these blisters break open and give forth large numbers of dusty orange-colored pine spores.

Owners who have reason to suspect this disease on their trees are urged to forward specimens for investigation to the office of Forest Pathology, Bureau of Plant Industry, where examination of them will be made free of charge.

U.S. EMERGING FROM DEPTHS

First to Come Out of World Depression, Says Redfield

SECRETARY FINDS WIDE ACTIVITY

Asserts Trouble Was Psychological, as President Wilson Has Said

Washington, June 24.—"The United States was the last of nations to enter the world wide depression, felt it least and is now emerging first. The dullness of trade and industry is psychological, just as President Wilson says it is, and reports and figures will show this," said Redfield.

This was the way Secretary of Commerce Redfield sized up the situation yesterday. He didn't assert there has been no depression, but he declared that what there has been was only our natural share of universal trade stagnation.

"Other nations have suffered longer and worse recently than the United States, notably France, Germany, Brazil, Canada, and even Great Britain," said Redfield, "and conditions in these countries contradict the commonly assigned causes of depression."

"For instance, Germany is the greatest trust country in the world; France has no trust; Brazil has a high protective tariff. Yet these countries have all suffered."

Reports of increased business and "prosperity letters" are beginning to pour into the department of commerce, strengthening the belief that a big commercial and industrial revival is close at hand, in fact very much in evidence now, Mr. Redfield said.

The Rock Island railroad reported an increase of nearly a thousand car loadings for the first two weeks of June. Big increases in drygoods sales are reported by many large houses. This is attributed by Mr. Redfield to the bumper wheat crop, as are many other trade stimulations. The harvest has created an extraordinary demand for agricultural implements, he said.

The market for average-priced automobiles, was never better, according to reports to the commerce department.

Tourist travel is breaking all records, railroad and steamship reports show.

A. R. Shafer, treasurer of the Washington chemical concern, has written a letter pointing out increased chemical business and saying that one of the ways of creating prosperity is to talk it.

WILSON FAVORS SELLING SHIPS.

So Says Padgett, Urging Acceptance of Greece's Offer.

Washington, June 24.—"President Wilson highly recommends and urges the sale of the battleships Mississippi and Idaho," said Chairman Padgett of the House naval committee in the House yesterday afternoon, urging the acceptance by that body of the Senate amendment providing for their sale to Greece for \$12,000,000.

The president states that there are no international reasons why they should not be sold," Padgett added.

Padgett said he understood that efforts were made to have Greece purchase the Indiana and Oregon or some other battleships not as good as the Mississippi and Idaho, but that the "buyers would not agree."

Despite the president's indorsement the "little navy" representatives continued their fight yesterday against adoption of the Senate amendment.

They objected to the plan of Secretary of the Navy Daniels to use the \$12,000,000 to build a new dreadnought.

That the administration had enough votes to pass the battleship sale amendment was predicted by Chairman Padgett.

MINE DEAD TOTAL 196.

Official Figures on Alberta Disaster—\$50,000 Sent to Relieve Families.

Hill Crest, Alberta, June 24.—United Mine Workers' officials yesterday announced the following official figures on last Friday's disaster by explosion in mine No. 20, of the Hill Crest Collieries, Limited: Rescued alive, 41; total dead, 196; bodies recovered, 188; identified, 162; still in mine, 8.

The Canadian government yesterday sent \$50,000 as a portion of the fund to be used for relief of families of the victims.

INTERESTING REMINISCENCES

Of War-Time in Connection with Middlebury College.

Some interesting war time history in connection with Middlebury college was given by former President Ezra Brainerd at the alumni day exercises of that institution on Tuesday, last.

In speaking of college life during the Civil war, he said: "The wave of patriotism that swept over the northern states, when our flag was first fired on at Fort Sumpter was wonderful—difficult of comprehension by those who did not actually witness it. And nowhere was it more intense than among the students of Middlebury college. The spirit of adventure hardly at all entered into it. To serve through the heat of a southern summer as a common soldier was known to be perilous. But our national life was assailed by those who wished to extend the crime of human slavery. It was a serious thing to enlist; but the voice of duty called, and the earnest soul of the young Vermonter responded, 'I will go.'"

The first to obey was Henry W. Bennett of our class. For two terms he and I sat side by side in the class room where we were arranged alphabetically. He was a faithful student, somewhat slow and quiet, but reliable. How startled his classmates were when they learned that he had decided to respond to the call of President Lincoln for 75,000 volunteers for three months. Some tried to dissuade him; he said but little in reply, hardly more than this, 'I think I ought to go.'

"Before his departure the class gave him a supper at the student house, to which we invited Tutor Kellogg. We intended it to be an occasion of good cheer, an enthusiastic send-off, filled with hope for a successful mission and a happy return. But in spite of all our plans and efforts, a serious mood pervaded the gathering, a sadness which we could hardly explain. When a few weeks later—on the 20th of June—we got the news of his death at Fortress Monroe, we thought we could interpret our sadness at parting as a premonition that it was to be forever."

"As we laid his body to rest in the quiet cemetery on Foote street, we felt the full significance of the words of Horace, whose ode we were then reading, 'Dulce et decorum est pro patria mori.' In the hearts of many that day Bennett's death was no sad tragedy, but an act of noble self-sacrifice. More than one of the class instead of being warned against going to the front, felt inspired to follow Bennett's example. Within two months three more of our class enlisted, Higley, Edgerton and Thomas. A year later eight more enlisted—Clark, Hemmaway, Hitchcock, Lewis, Mend, Dwight Smith, Wilber, Williamson. At the close of junior year Gates entered the army and Wood the navy. In all, 14 of our class served in the Civil war—just half of the total enrollment."

"But other classes had men ready to serve their country, though none furnished so large a per cent as the class of '64, doubtless in part because the war was in progress during nearly the whole of our college course. From the class that entered in 1861 six enlisted, only one of whom returned for graduation. From the class that entered in 1862 Rev. E. J. Ranslow, recently deceased, served for a year in the navy, and at the close of his class and to graduate in 1866. From the class of 1865, immediately preceding ours, 11 enlisted out of a total enrollment of 20. To these we should add the name of Richard S. Tuthill, who enlisted right after graduation, and became a brilliant officer under General Sherman and Thomas. From the class of '63 three left college for the war and never graduated, and eight others enlisted soon after graduation, two of whom were killed in battle at Petersburg, Va., Lieutenant Converse in July 1864, and Lieutenant Colonel Eaton a month later."

"The circumstances attending the enlistment of Colonel Aldace F. Walker are memorable. He was the valedictorian of his class. A few days before graduation he joined the 11th Vermont regiment which was being organized at Shoreham. The regiment made a choice of officers on the forenoon of commencement day, and Walker was elected first lieutenant of Company B. There was but scanty time afterward for him to borrow a uniform and ride to Middlebury for graduation. The exercises proceeded till his name was reached at the close of the program, but he had not appeared."

"Another piece of music was called for, which was long drawn out. Anxiety was visible on the faces of all from the president to the girls in the gallery. Suddenly Walker appeared at the entrance of the audience room. The music abruptly ended; Walker's name was announced by President Labaree; and in blue uniform, with glittering epaulettes, Lieutenant Walker marched with stately strides to the stage. The applause that broke forth in the dignified old church was intense and prolonged. The speaker was frequently interrupted, and many sentences were only half heard. He soon gave up the attempt to follow his poorly committed manuscript. But he spoke with enthusiasm; his presence was impressive; it was the voice of the newly honored soldiers hastening to the war; and doubtless the applause would have been as fervid had he spoken in an unknown tongue."

JONES TELLS OF HARVESTER.

Federal Reserve Board Nominee Likely to Be Called Before Senate Committee.

Washington, June 24.—An explanation of his connection with the International Harvester company was received by Chairman Owen of the Senate banking committee from Thomas D. Jones of Chicago, nominated by President Wilson as a member of the federal reserve board. Senator Owen said the telegram explained that Mr. Jones became a director of that concern in 1909 at the suggestion of friends, and that he had no large pecuniary interest. It was believed yesterday that a request to Mr. Jones to appear before the committee in person would be made within a few days.

DARTMOUTH WINS.

Once More Beats the Amherst Team at Baseball.

Hanover, N. H., June 24.—Dartmouth 6, Amherst 3, was the score of the commencement game here yesterday.

Dartmouth won by bunching hits in the third and fourth innings. The game was witnessed by a great crowd of alumni. The score by innings:

Dartmouth 00236100—674
Amherst 03000000—386
Batteries—Lavin and Wanamaker; Brough and Strahan.

MIGHT HAVE ENDED TRUSTS

Senator Newlands Argues for Federal Trade Commission

STANDARD WOULD HAVE BEEN DISSOLVED

The Price-Fixing Activities Would Be Limited and Lessen Cost of Living

Washington, June 24.—That a federal trade commission, created at the time of the establishment of the Interstate Commerce commission, would have prevented the development of industrial monopolies in the United States is one of the contentions in the report of Chairman Newlands of the committee on interstate commerce on the trade commission bill presented yesterday to the Senate.

"If this commission had been in existence," said the report, "we would not now have to deal with such organizations as the United States Steel corporation, the International Harvester company, or the American Sugar Refining company; the American Tobacco company would never have been organized, and even the Standard Oil company would not have survived the dissolution of the original Standard Oil trust in 1912. Such a commission would, at least, have kept within limited bounds the activities of a multitude of price-fixing associations in different branches of business which, together with the great trusts, have been potent causes of the present high cost of living." The Senate bill is substituted for the House bill. The two measures are alike in principle, but the Senate bill would define "unfair competition" and empower the commission to prevent such competition and would allow an investigation of foreign trade conditions and their effect on United States export trade.

RESOLUTE AN EASY WINNER.

Defiance Proves to Be Disappointment in First Race.

Rye, N. Y., June 24.—All three of the cup defense aspirants, Resolute, Vanitie and Defiance, met for the first time in a completed race yesterday, and finished in the order named, with the flag officers' yacht a winner by many minutes. It was Resolute's sixth and long-expected victory over Vanitie. Defiance which had a chance for first time to show her worth proved a disappointment. At one time Defiance was more than four miles ahead of the start. On the last lap Defiance brought in a new breeze and finished 23 minutes, 13 seconds behind Resolute, and 8 minutes, 48 seconds after Vanitie.

HELD TO ONE HIT, NORWICH LOST, 8-2

Barre A. C. Winner in Commencement Game Played at Northfield Yesterday Afternoon, Tomasi Pitching Good Ball.

Northfield, June 24.—Norwich university closed the 1914 baseball season at the university campus yesterday afternoon when a large gathering of alumni at the annual commencement exercises saw the cadets humbled by the Barre A. C. the score being 8 to 2. The game was called by mutual agreement at the close of eight innings. The feature of the game was the pitching of Tomasi, the Spaulding high school pitcher, who allowed the cadets but one hit. The little fellow had the university huddled completely at his mercy and what runs were scored by Norwich resulted through the indifference of the Barre players. The only hit allowed by Tomasi was made by Viano in the sixth. Upon request, Davidson was sent onto the mound by Barre in the eighth inning. He struck out three batters and passed one. One run was scored while he was on the hill.

Barre scored its first run in the opening inning on hits by Nute and Johnston. Another run was scored in the following inning and a brace was added in the third when Brown drove two runners across the plate with a single to center, Johnston, Peduzzi and Brown led the batting with a single to center. Johnston, Peduzzi and Brown led the batting with two hits each. One of Johnston's drives was a three-bagger. The score:

Barre.	ab	r	h	po	a	e
Nute ss	4	1	1	3	1	0
Stuart 2b	3	0	0	2	5	0
Johnston 3b	4	0	2	1	1	2
Laird 1b	4	1	1	7	0	0
Gay c	4	0	1	8	1	0
Peduzzi rf	4	1	2	1	0	0
Brown lf	4	1	2	1	0	0
Davidson cf	3	2	1	1	0	0
Tomasi p	3	2	1	0	2	0
Totals	33	8	11	24	10	2

Norwich.	ab	r	h	po	a	e
Keefe 3b	3	0	0	1	1	1
Munsell c	4	0	0	8	2	0
Mahard 1b	4	0	0	8	0	0
Viano 2b	2	2	1	1	0	0
Thompson p	2	0	0	5	0	0
Anderson lf	3	0	0	1	0	0
Smith ss	3	0	0	2	3	1
Monroe cf	3	0	0	2	0	0
Gardner rf	3	0	0	1	0	0
Totals	27	2	1	24	11	2

Barre 11210003—8
Norwich 00010001—2

Stolen bases—Laird, Gay, Peduzzi 2, Brown 2, Davidson, Tomasi 4, Viano, Monroe. Three-base hit—Johnston. Two-base hit—Viano. Double play—Nute, Stuart to Laird. Hit by pitched ball—Munsell, Stuart. Struck out—by Tomasi 5, by Davidson 3, by Thompson 5. Bases on balls—off Tomasi 4, off Thompson 4, off Davidson, Wild pitch—Thompson. Umpire—A. Wood. Time—1 hr. 45 m.

TO SELL TWO BATTLESHIPS.

House Passes Bill Approved by the Senate.

Washington, June 24.—Administration proposal to sell the battleships Idaho and Mississippi to Greece already ap-

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Detroit	36	27	.571
St. Louis	32	27	.542
Washington	31	27	.534
Boston	29	29	.500
Chicago	28	31	.476
New York	20	33	.377
Cleveland	21	36	.368

NATIONAL LEAGUE

Yesterday's Games

At Brooklyn—Brooklyn 2, Pittsburgh 1. Batteries—Rucker and Miller; Cooper and Gibson. At Philadelphia—St. Louis 7, Philadelphia 5. Batteries—Hagerman, Steele and Snyder; Rixey, Jacobs and Killifer.

STANDING OF THE CLUBS.

	Won	Lost	Pct.
New York	32	19	.627
Cincinnati	31	26	.544
St. Louis	31	29	.517
Pittsburgh	26	27	.491
Chicago	28	30	.483
Philadelphia	24	27	.471
Brooklyn	23	28	.451
Boston	22	31	.415

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